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25X1A ATTN :

Tape Processing and readout equipment

REF : A. CMCC Doc. No. 1131X5.114 thru 1131X5.116 dated 19 September 1957
B. CMCC Doc. No. 1132X5.151 thru 1132X5.157 dated 19 September 1957
C. CMCC Doc. No. 151X5.754 dated 4 October 1957

1. With the last two [REDACTED] going into the field this month, the need for tape processing and readout equipment is becoming more acute. The reference documents are from Ramo-Wooldridge Corp. and contain a revised cost estimate for all of the three track and some of the fourteen track equipment programmed to fill the [REDACTED] requirement. In view of the increased cost of these items of equipment and no firm delivery date, we recommend that the contracting officer be requested to investigate the feasibility of cancelling the A, B1, B2, G, H, J, and K Racks, requisitioned with [REDACTED] funds, in favor of suitable Ampex equipment. 25X1C

2. Since the production schedule of the three track equipment (A, B1, and B2 Racks) is well ahead the fourteen track equipment, (G, H, J, and K Racks) it may be possible to cancel only the fourteen track. We are of the opinion, however, that we will be ahead both in time and money if the Ramo-Wooldridge equipment can be cancelled and Ampex equipment requisitioned. 25X1C

3. In exhibits A, B, C, and D, attached, is a list of Ramo-Wooldridge equipment funded by [REDACTED] the Ampex equipment that can be used as a replacement, the Ampex equipment required if both three track and fourteen track equipment can be cancelled and the Ampex equipment required if only the fourteen track equipment can be cancelled. 25X1A

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Attachments:

Exhibits A, B, C, and D

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